

missionary of the Canada Presbyterian Church to British Columbia. The services which were most interesting throughout, took place in Knox's church in this city. At the request of the Foreign Mission Committee, Principal Willis preached on the occasion and gave a powerful and impressive discourse, from John xii, 24, 26.

Prayer having been offered by Rev. Dr. Jennings, the Rev. R. F. Burns, Convener of the Foreign Mission Committee, put into the hands of Mr. Jamieson, a copy of the Holy Scriptures, addressing him in the following terms:

"And now, beloved brother, it devolves on me, in the name of the Committee, to put into your hands this copy of the Holy Scriptures, and to bid you farewell. We give you this Bible as a pocket compass, amid all your wanderings. 'A lamp unto your feet and a light to your path,' amid perils of waters, amid perils in the wilderness, in weariness and painfulness, in journeyings often, in watchings often. We give you this as your counsellor in perplexity, your comfort in affliction. We send you forth to assist in moulding the character of what may constitute a great nation; here is that which can alone form the basis of its future greatness. We send you forth to a land where already Satan's seat is, and for the warfare that awaits you there, we furnish you with this sword of the Spirit. I know that your feeling is 'give me it, there is none like *that*.' Take it brother, and may it prove, in your hands, mighty through God, in the putting down of Satan's stronghold. 'The Lord preserve you from all evil.' The Lord preserve your soul. The Lord preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.'"

An excellent address to the missionary was then delivered by Rev. Dr. Thorton of Oshawa; and an address on British Columbia as a field for missionary operations, was delivered by Rev. W. F. Clarke of Guelph, formerly of Victoria. Mr. Jamieson leaves New York about the beginning of the year. We trust he will be remembered by many at a throne of grace. May the sending out of this first missionary be but the beginning of missionary effort on the part of the Canada Presbyterian Church.

Before leaving, Mr. Jamieson received as a parting token of affectionate regard on the part of the congregation at Fisherville, a number of valuable books, to the value of about thirty dollars, besides other tokens of esteem.

KINGSTON—CHALMERS' CHURCH.—In accordance with the request of several esteemed correspondents in Kingston, we have pleasure in intimating that the Rev. P. Gray has just received a token of affection from his congregation, in the shape of a purse containing about \$130. The congregation are at present making a vigorous effort to pay off the debt on their church.

This is the season when congregations should strive to pay off all arrears of stipend, and manifest, in a substantial way, their attachment to their pastors.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN JANUARY.—We remind ministers and others of the recommendation of the Evangelical Alliance to observe again a special season of prayer from the first Sabbath in January until Monday 13th.

NATIONAL CALAMITY—DEATH OF PRINCE ALBERT.—Intelligence has just been received of the unexpected death of Prince Albert, the Prince Consort. The nation mourns his death, and every heart sympathizes with our beloved Queen in this new sorrow which she is called upon to bear. May God sustain her in her hour of desolation and sorrow, and enable her to rely on His sure promises, which are the only stay of high and low in the hour of need.